



## **RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE FEDERAL FUNDS TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

WHEREAS, the issue of abortion has been debated for more than 50 years, and over those 50+ years great advancement has been made in knowledge and understanding of the development of children in the womb; and

WHEREAS the United Methodist Church in its Social Principles has stated our belief in the sanctity of unborn human life and that it makes us reluctant to approve abortion. Furthermore, that “we cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control, and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection or eugenics.” We also say “Governmental laws and regulations do not provide all the guidance required by the informed Christian conscience. Therefore, a decision concerning abortion should be made only after thoughtful and prayerful consideration by the parties involved, with medical, family, pastoral, and other appropriate counsel;” and

WHEREAS, we know the tragedy of aborted children is not just the action taken upon the unborn child but also the lingering effects upon the mental health of those receiving the abortion (Planned Parenthood provides over 86,000 abortions a year); and

WHEREAS, there are great financial incentives that have been created by various programs including the Medicaid program for performing abortions, which make it ripe with ethical questions; and

WHEREAS, the Body of Christ recognizes that all children are made in the image of God and are gifts from God, and that we have an incredible responsibility of being light in a dark world; and

WHEREAS, the president of Planned Parenthood stated before Congress last year that several Planned Parenthood clinics in the United States do participate and benefit from the fetal tissue research program financially by donating the body parts of aborted babies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church call upon House Speaker Paul Ryan to terminate all federal funds to Planned Parenthood, effective October 1, 2018.

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***The Committee votes no and encourages the Annual Conference to not support this resolution.***